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Serial No. 09/443,793 ✓  
Filed: November 18, 1999  
Inventor: David E. Albrecht ✓  
Title: FLANGE PLATES FOR  
FLUID PORT INTERFACES ✓  
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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the Official Action of October 10, 2001. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Attached are:

- 1) A clean version of all pending claims, as amended;
- 2) Remarks in support of patentability of the claims; and
- 3) A version of the claims with markings to show changes made.

For the reasons given in the attached Remarks, Applicant requests reconsideration by the Examiner and early favorable action. If the Examiner has questions, Applicant requests that she telephone the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this case.

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